

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

SABRINA DOMINGUES,) Case No.: C 06- 00911 PVT
Plaintiff,)
v.) **CASE MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE ORDER**
THE UNITED STATES POSTAL)
SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES)
OF AMERICA,)
Defendants.)

On August 8, 2006, the parties appeared before Magistrate Judge Patricia V. Trumbull for a Case Management Conference. Based on the parties' Joint Case Management Statement, and the discussions held at the Case Management Conference,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the court adopts the parties' statement of disputed factual and legal issues as set forth in the Case Management Conference Statement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for joinder of any additional parties, or other amendments to the pleadings, is sixty days after entry of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the presumptive limits on discovery set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure apply in this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are referred to the court-sponsored

1 mediation program.

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this case shall be bifurcated, with discovery and trial to
3 proceed first on the issue of liability.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following schedule shall apply to the liability
5 portion of this case:

6 Plaintiff's Designation of Experts with Reports January 12, 2007
7 Defendant's Designation of Experts with Reports February 2, 2007
8 Designation Rebuttal Experts with Reports February 23, 2007
9 Fact Discovery Cutoff on Liability December 1, 2006
10 Expert Discovery Cutoff March 16, 2007
11 Last Day for Dispositive Motion Hearing 10:00 a.m. on May 1, 2007
12 Final Pretrial Conference 2:00 p.m. on June 12, 2007
13 Bench Trial 9:30 a.m. on June 18, 2007

14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the Standing Order for
15 Civil Practice in Cases Assigned for All Purposes to Magistrate Judge Patricia V. Trumbull (rev.
16 4/25/03), a copy of which is attached hereto,¹ with regard to the timing and content of the Joint
17 Pretrial Statement, and all other pretrial submissions.

18 Dated: August 8, 2006

Patricia V. Trumbull

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20 PATRICIA V. TRUMBULL
United States Magistrate Judge

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27 ¹ A copy of Judge Trumbull's standing order is also available on the court's
28 website at www.cand.uscourts.gov by clicking first on the "Judges" button, then on Judge
Trumbull's name, then on the "Magistrate Judge Trumbull's Standing Orders" link, and finally
on the bullet for "Mag Judge Trumbull's General Order for all purposes (04/28/2003)."

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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

4 **STANDING ORDER FOR CIVIL PRACTICE IN**
5 **CASES ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO**
6 **MAGISTRATE JUDGE PATRICIA V. TRUMBULL**
7 (rev. 4/25/03)

8 The parties shall follow the General Orders of the Court for the Northern District of California,
9 the Local Rules, and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, except as expressly modified herein. Failure to
10 comply with any of the rules and orders may be deemed sufficient grounds for monetary sanctions,
11 dismissal, entry of default judgment, or other appropriate sanctions. The rules and orders are
12 supplemented and modified as follows:

13 **I. CASE MANAGEMENT**

14 A Case Management Conference will be held on TUESDAY,

15 at 2:00 p.m., Courtroom 5, United States Courthouse, 280 South First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. This
16 conference may be continued only on order of the Court; parties may not stipulate to continue a case
17 management conference without leave from the Court.

18 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-9, lead counsel for each party (or the party if he or she is
19 unrepresented) must file a Joint Case Management Statement and Proposed Order (*see* attached format)
20 unless otherwise ordered. If preparation of a joint statement will cause undue hardship, the parties shall
21 serve and file separate statements, as well as a declaration describing the undue hardship. The statement
22 is due no later than the date specified in the Case Management Schedule, or ten days before the Case
23 Management Conference if no date is specified.

24 **II. MOTION PRACTICE**

25 **A. Discovery Motions.** All parties who want their discovery motions before Magistrate
26 Judge Trumbull to be heard on shortened time may serve and file along with their discovery motion,
27 either: 1) a stipulation of the parties pursuant to Local Rule 6-2; or 2) a motion to shorten time under
28 Civil Local Rule 6-3. Otherwise, all discovery matters shall be noticed in accordance with Civil Local
 Rule 7-2. Upon receipt of the moving papers, this court may in its discretion modify the briefing and
 hearing schedule.

B. Law and Motion Calendar. Magistrate Judge Trumbull's Civil Law and Motion
 calendar is heard every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

C. Dispositive Motions. Within two weeks after any party files a dispositive motion, if
 written consents to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction have not yet been filed by all parties, all parties who
 have not yet filed such a consent must notify the court whether they consent to the jurisdiction of the
 Magistrate Judge. If a party chooses to consent, the attorney of record for the party, or the party if he or
 she is unrepresented, must sign a document stating that the party consents to the jurisdiction of the
 Magistrate Judge for any and all proceedings, including trial. Consent forms may be obtained from the
 clerks office, from the courtroom deputy, or from the court's website at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>. If
 any party chooses not to consent, the attorney of record or unrepresented party must promptly file a
 request for reassignment to a District Court Judge. **Magistrate Judge Trumbull will not hear**
 argument on dispositive motions without affirmative, written consents.

1 **III. EFFECT OF REASSIGNMENT TO A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

2 In the event a case that is originally assigned to Judge Trumbull is later reassigned to a District
 3 Court Judge, and unless otherwise ordered by the court, the case will remain assigned to Judge Trumbull
 4 for a case management conference on the date specified above, and for all discovery matters.

5 **IV. TRIAL PRACTICE (FOR COURT OR JURY TRIAL AS APPLICABLE)**

6 **A. Ten (10) Court Days Prior to the Pretrial Conference.**

7 Unless otherwise ordered, if the trial will be a jury trial, the parties shall exchange (but not file)
 8 their respective proposed jury instructions in order to begin preparing the joint set of jury instructions
 9 required by section IV.B.5., below.

10 Unless otherwise ordered, the parties shall file the following not less than ten (10) court days
 11 prior to the pretrial conference:

12 **1. Trial Briefs.**

13 **2. Motions *In Limine*.**

14 **3. Depositions and Discovery Responses.** One copy of any deposition transcripts
 15 and any other discovery responses either party intends to offer as evidence, other than solely for
 16 impeachment or rebuttal, shall be lodged (not filed) with the court. The parties shall highlight the
 17 pertinent portions of the deposition transcripts and discovery responses.

18 **4. Proposed Voir Dire Questions (Jury Trials Only).** Proposed voir dire
 19 questions shall be submitted to the court. The examination of trial jurors shall be conducted by
 20 the Judge. The court will also allow limited follow up voir dire by attorneys. Juror
 21 questionnaires are permitted in limited situations. If the parties wish to submit juror
 22 questionnaires, the parties must contact the court well in advance of the pretrial conference to
 23 discuss procedures.

24 **6. Form of Verdict (Jury Trials Only).** Each party shall serve and submit to the
 25 court its proposed form of verdict on the day of the pretrial conference. In addition to the paper
 26 copy, each party shall also submit a copy of its proposed form of verdict on a computer disk in
 27 either ASCII text or WordPerfect format.

28 **7. Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (for Non-Jury Trials
 29 Only).** In actions tried to the court without a jury, each party shall file Proposed Findings of
 30 Fact and Conclusions of Law no later than the day of the pretrial conference. In addition to the
 31 paper copy, each party shall also submit a copy of its file Proposed Findings of Fact and
 32 Conclusions of Law on a computer disk in either ASCII text or WordPerfect format.

33 **8. Joint Pretrial Statement.** The Joint Pretrial Statement shall include the
 34 following:

35 **a. Substance of the Action.** A brief description of the general
 36 nature of the action.

37 **b. Stipulations, Agreed Statement and Undisputed Facts.** A statement
 38 of: (I) any stipulations requested or proposed for pretrial or trial purposes; (ii) whether
 39 all or part of the action may be presented upon an agreed statement of facts; and (iii) all
 40 relevant facts not reasonably in dispute, as well as any facts to which the parties will

1 stipulate for the trial record without the necessity of supporting testimony or exhibits.

2 **c. Disputed Factual Issues.** A plain and concise statement of all disputed
3 factual issues which remain to be decided.

4 **d. Disputed Legal Issues.** Without extended legal argument, a plain and
5 concise statement of each disputed point of law concerning liability, relief, procedure
6 and/or evidence. (When appropriate, full legal argument with citations to statutes and
7 case law should be submitted by way of a Trial Brief.)

8 **e. Deposition Excerpts and Discovery Responses.** Pursuant to
9 Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(3), a list of any deposition testimony (by page and lines) or other
10 discovery responses that each party may offer as evidence at trial, other than solely for
11 impeachment or rebuttal.

12 **f. Witnesses to be Called.** Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(3), a list of the
13 name of each witness each party expects to call at trial, other than solely for impeachment
14 or rebuttal, together with a brief statement following each name describing the substance
15 of the testimony to be given. Each party shall separately identify those witnesses whom
16 the party expects to call and those witnesses whom the party may call if the need arises.

17 **g. Exhibits, Schedules and Summaries.** Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P.
18 26(a)(3), a list of all documents and other items to be offered as exhibits at the trial, other
19 than solely for impeachment or rebuttal. Each item on the list shall be identified by an
20 exhibit number, followed by a brief statement describing its substance or purpose, and the
21 identity of the sponsoring witness. The parties must meet and confer on a division of
22 exhibit numbers which will avoid duplication of numbering. If possible, parties should
23 stipulate to the authenticity and admissibility of exhibits prior to trial. **Any disputes
24 regarding the authenticity and/or admissibility of any exhibits must be brought to
25 the court's attention no later than the Pretrial Conference, or the objections will be
26 deemed waived.**

27 **h. Relief Prayed.** A detailed statement of all the relief claimed, particularly
28 itemizing all elements of damages claimed as well as witnesses, documents or other
evidentiary material to be presented concerning the amount of those damages.

19 **I. Estimate of Trial Time.** An estimate of the number of court days
20 needed for the presentation of each party's case, indicating any possible reductions in
21 time through proposed stipulations, agreed statements of facts, or expedited means of
22 presenting testimony and exhibits.

23 **j. Amendments, Dismissals.** A statement of any requested or proposed
24 amendments to pleadings or dismissals of parties, claims or defenses.

25 **k. Settlement Discussion.** A statement indicating whether further
26 settlement negotiations would likely be productive.

27 **l. Miscellaneous.** A statement describing any other subjects relevant to the
28 trial of the action or material to its just, speedy, and inexpensive determination.

29 **B. Five (5) Court Days Prior to the Pretrial Conference.**

30 Unless otherwise ordered, the parties shall file and serve the following not less than five (5) court
31 days prior to the pretrial conference.

1. Oppositions to Motions *In Limine*.

2. Objections to the use of Deposition Excerpts or other Discovery Responses.

Unless otherwise ordered, any objections to excerpts from depositions, or other discovery responses, designated in the Joint Pretrial Statement shall be filed in writing, along with a certification that counsel conferred with opposing counsel regarding any such objections.

3. Counter-Designations. In the event a party contends that a deposition excerpt or other discovery response is incomplete without inclusion of addition deposition excerpts or other discovery responses, the party shall file a counter-designation listing any additional deposition testimony (by page and lines) or other discovery responses it contends are necessary for a complete and fair record. Any objections to the counter-designations shall be served (by fax and mail) and filed the day before the Pretrial Conference (the after-hours drop box may **not** be used for this filing).

4. Objections to Voir Dire and Verdict Forms. Unless otherwise ordered, any objections to use of proposed voir dire or verdict forms shall be filed in writing, along with a certification that counsel conferred with opposing counsel regarding such objections.

5. Jury Instructions (Jury Trials Only). The court has a standard set of preliminary instructions which will be given at the beginning of trial and standard closing instructions which will be given prior to closing argument based upon the MODEL JURY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT. The parties should not submit preliminary or closing instructions.

The parties shall file a joint set of all proposed substantive instructions, unless specific leave to the contrary is granted by the Court. The Court prefers parties to use the MODEL JURY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT or CALIFORNIA JURY INSTRUCTIONS, modified and supplemented as necessary. The parties shall also submit to the court: 1) a copy of all proposed instructions on a computer disk in either WordPerfect, Word or ASCII text format; and 2) an additional copy of the proposed jury instructions in a three-ring binder for the court's use.

In the event parties are unable to agree on the language of a particular instruction, the objecting party shall submit an alternative instruction, placed immediately following the instruction to which an objection is being made, and a brief statement of the ground for the objection. **Challenged instructions must be clearly marked and identified.**

Each proposed instruction shall be written in plain language, comprehensible to jurors, concise and free from argument, cover only one subject which shall be indicated in the caption, and be written out in full on a separate page. On a separate page following each instruction, the parties must provide citation to the authority upon which each instruction is based.

/s/ Patricia V. Trumbull
Patricia V. Trumbull
United States Magistrate Judge